

Blessing of Horses and Other Animals

Let us pray:

O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church. You are the source of mercy: grant that what we seek in faith, we may truly obtain. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who strengthened Saint Anthony to overcome the many temptations of this world, grant your servants the grace to grow in virtue by his example. Through his merits and intercession, free us from the dangers that surround us each day. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Let us pray:

Bless these animals, O Lord, for they are the work of your hands. Through the intercession of Saint Anthony, protect them from every harm and keep them safe. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Blessing of Cattle and Herds (Cattle, sheep, goats, swine)

Let us pray:

O Lord and God, King of heaven and earth, by your Word all creatures were made to serve the needs of mankind. Look with mercy upon us in our lowliness; and as you provide for us in our necessities, so also deign to bless these cattle, herds, and flocks. Guard and protect them always.

Grant also to us, your servants, the grace to use your gifts rightly and to give you continual thanks. May we ever praise and glorify your holy name, both now and forever. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.